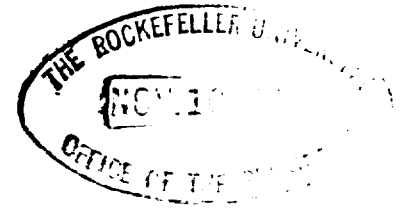


Memorandum


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The reference that I mentioned at lunch is A Genius for War: The German Army and General Staff, 1807-1945 by Colonel T. N. Dupuy, USA (Ret), Prentiss Hall, \$14.95. The other tome that I had at lunch is characterized as the report of the "Small Unit Action Project" completed by a committee of former German officers. I think you might find it interesting to scan it, but it is very focused on tactical issues. If you want to glance through it to see if there are any sections that you think might be relevant for your ongoing efforts, I'll be happy to send it over, and you can Xerox anything that you might wish to keep. The Dupuy book is a recent and seminal contribution to the literature.

I was astounded to read in your note that the military types indicated there was little reliable detailed data for such assessments. On the potential case studies that I mentioned in my note, I cannot believe that there are not voluminous message logs/correspondence -- a whole raft of material -- that was accumulated in the course of that action. In fact, on the Liberty attack, there's a fascinating article that appeared in the Naval Institute Proceedings that I think you would find of great interest. There also have been a number of books written about it. There is also a recent report that has just been issued on the Desert One Operation in both a classified and an unclassified version, and I'm sure that every message that could be copied and every transmission that could be logged is squirreled away somewhere. Further, all of those episodes had various investigations connected with them that must have generated reams of information. I'm sure that you can get the report on Desert One, for example, any time you'd like to take a look at it. That may give you some clues as to other directions that might be pursued.



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